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SUBJECT: SAUKHAM KHOY, LONG BOTTA AND OTHER GKR OFFICIALS
IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 6278 AND BANGKOK 6461

1. WITHIN PARAMETERS OF RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION,
INTO WHICH SAUKHAM KHOY AND OTHERS CLEARLY FIT, DEPT. HAS
FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A) TO AVOID UNNECESSARY FUTURE PROBLEMS AND EXPENSE,
GKR OFFICIALS SHOULD GIVE FIRMEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF
WHERE THEY REALLY WISH TO GO PRIOR TO ONWARD MOVEMENT
ACTUALLY COMMENCING.

B) WITH LIKELY FINAL DESTINATIONS DETERMINED, IT WOULD
THEN BE HELPFUL TO KNOW OF ANY RELATIONSHIPS TO PERSONS
LIVING IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE OF BENEFIT IN
OBTAINING IMMIGRANT VISAS.

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C) ALTHOUGH DEPT. REALIZES DELICACY OF PROPOSITION,
FEASIBILITY SHOULD BE EXPLORED OF ARRANGING NON-SCHEDULED
AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR GKR OFFICIALS (EXCLUDING SAUKHAM
KHOY AND LONG BOTTA), E.G. SPECIAL CHARTER THROUGH

ICEM. DEPT WISHES TO AVOID INCURRING EXORBITANT COSTS
WITHOUT DISRESPECTING POSITION OF OFFICIALS.

D) AS WE FEEL THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH ADEQUATE PRIVATE
MEANS SHOULD COVER THE BEST PART OF THEIR OWN RESETTLE-
MENT COSTS, EMB. SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE DISCREETLY
THE EXTENT OF USABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES MEMBERS OF GROUP
HAVE ABROAD.

2. APPROVAL ON USE OF PAROLE HAS YET TO BE GIVEN,
IMPOSING OBVIOUS RESTRICTION TO ONWARD MOVEMENT AT THIS
TIME TO THOSE WHO WISH TO PROCEED TO U.S.

3. DEPT APPRECIATES REPORTING ON SAUKHAM KHOY, LONG
BOTTA, AND REST OF GROUP. PLEASE CONTINUE SAME ALONG
WITH DEVELOPMENTS RE THIS MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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